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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
No additional fee is required.

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